



Brownfields 2003 Grant Fact Sheet

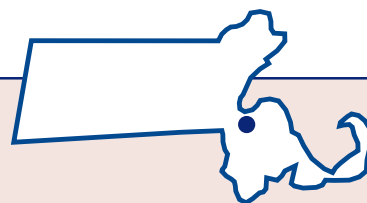
Brockton, MA

EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders in economic development to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. On January 11, 2002, President George W. Bush signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under the Brownfields Law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

Community Description

The City of Brockton was selected to receive assessment and cleanup grants. Brockton (population 94,000) is a major urban community south of Boston with a rich industrial history. Brockton was the shoe-manufacturing center of the region until the industry's decline following World War II. Redevelopment of urban brownfields is particularly important in southeastern Massachusetts, the fastest growing region in the state. The area surrounding the targeted brownfield sites has a poverty rate of more than 42 percent. Approximately 45 percent of the population in this area are either children or elderly, and up to 55 percent are minorities. The city has created a Brownfields Advisory Group to guide site selection and reuse planning processes. Redevelopment plans for the sites include recreational use and mixed municipal use as open space and a municipal storage facility.



Assessment Grant

New
2003

\$200,000 for hazardous substances

\$200,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected the City of Brockton for a brownfields assessment grant. Grant funds will be used to assess potential hazardous substance contamination at two sites. Petroleum grant funds will be used to conduct an inventory of petroleum-contaminated sites, perform Phase I assessments on 4-6 high-priority sites, and conduct Phase II assessments on these sites based on the Phase I results. Hazardous substance and petroleum funding also will be used to conduct community involvement activities, plan for site reuse, and promote environmental justice.

Cleanup Grant

New
2003

\$100,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the City of Brockton for a cleanup grant. The cleanup grant will be used to clean up the Ralsco, Inc. site through removal of soils contaminated with polynuclear aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs), extractable petroleum hydrocarbons, and lead. Grant funds also will be used to perform site closeout activities and continue the involvement of affected residents in activities at the site.

Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at: www.epa.gov/brownfields.

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Prior to receipt of these funds in fiscal year 2003, the City of Brockton also has received brownfields funding for assessment, revolving loan fund, and job training grants.

The cooperative agreement for this grant has not yet been negotiated; therefore, activities described in this fact sheet are subject to change.